Three charged with murder of 12-year-old boy near Calling Lake

It was a shock in early August when residents of Calling Lake hamlet and Bigstone Cree Nation's Jean Gambler Reserve learned that a body of a 12-year-old boy from Edmonton had been found in rural area near Calling Lake.

Athabasca RCMP received a 911 call around 3:22 a.m. Thursday, August 6, from a male who had told the operator he had been kidnapped and was injured.

When officers arrived in the area, they found a stolen vehicle from Edmonton and there was "evidence of an attack."

A search of the area was conducted and around 9 a.m. the remains of an adolescent male were found and later identified as Fiasal Hussein.

The office of the Chief Medical Examiner in Edmonton declared that the death of the boy was a homicide.

Appeals were made by the RCMP Major Crimes Unit for anyone having knowledge about the murder or who had seen the victim in the days before his murder, to contact the police.

Many RCMP resources, including more than100 RCMP members, and assistance from Edmonton Police Service and Alberta Sheriffs were involved in the investigation.

Finally on October 24 the RCMP were able to get search warrants and three suspects were arrested in residences in Edmonton.



Cole Morin (34), and Curtis Brown (36), both of Edmonton, have been charged with:

- Kidnapping; and
- First degree murder

Rachel Stuart (36), a Edmonton resident, has been charged with:

- Second degree murder

All three have been remanded into custody and appeared in Athabasca Court of Justice on October 26, 2026. Their next court date is November 9, 2026, in Athabasca.

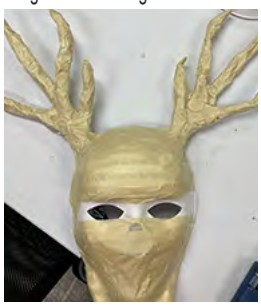
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The FEVER

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A small number of Wabasca youths got a chance to take a Halloween Mask Making course over several days recently, thanks to the MD 17 Family and Community Support Services (FCSS). See more scary things on Fever Page 4.





In the Halloween Edition of The Fever!

Blaming Immigrants for all Alberta's problems, a very unpopular Premier should just admit she would like to be known as Danielle Trump; Next may be her referendum about being 51st state!

Popular Premier Wab Kinew wants Indian Act ended



Publisher's Ponderings – Miscellaneous Notes

• No wonder Alberta's Premier needs to be forced out of office by her own party before next year's provincial election. Actually with her new war on the big immigrant population, she should add a middle name ... from now on she should be known as Danielle Trump Smith.

Albertans should be alert for her to start talking about how Trump's continued suggestion of a 51st state should become a topic of a referendum so Albertans can express themselves. And guess who will prepare the 20 questions which will be presented to Alberta voters who certainly won't mind having $500 million tax dollars spent on the next referendum to tell the world that only she and a few hot air separatists want to become puppets of the corrupt Trump.

• While injuries have perhaps caused the Oilers to slow down a bit from their sensational start of the season, Captain McDavid and Draisaitl are still scoring points and on Tuesday were still one and two in the players standings. McDavid has certainly commanded a big lead over even Draisaitl with 34 points, 10 more than his teammate. And let's give Evan Bouchard a round of applause because he's tied for third place in scoring with 21 points.

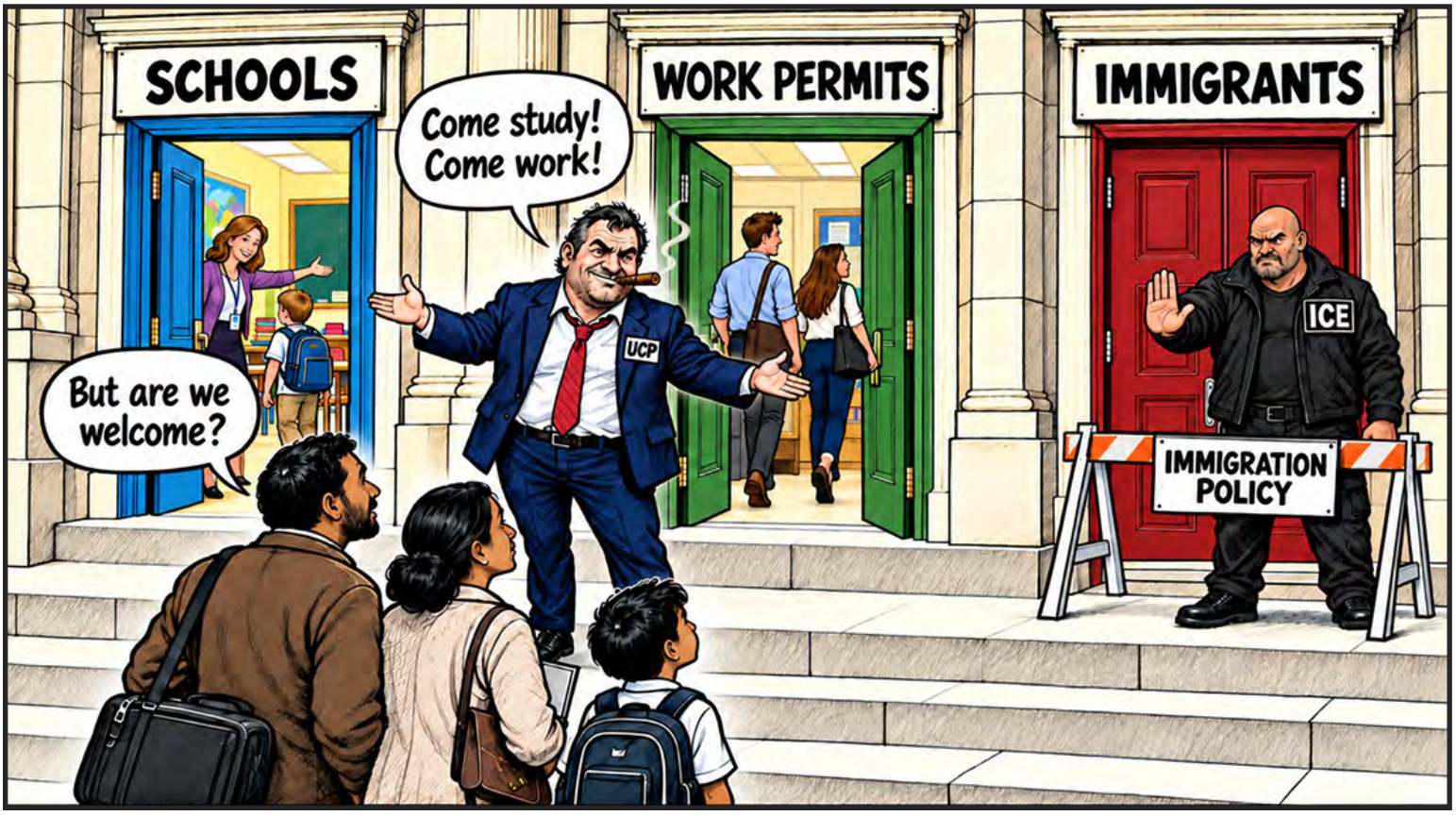
Plus Bouchard on Tuesday night was in first place on the complete-leader list based on plus/minus calculations, with McDavid second and Mattias Ekholm third. It would be great to see three Oilers throughout the season be on that list of five, or maybe even all five spots can be claimed!

And let's cheer

The Elks

onto the Grey Cup





Big Lakes resident petitions against cryptocurrency project

Petition written by Natasha Burger

Just this past September, a cryptocurrency mining project was approved in Big Lakes County, without any conditions. There seemed to be an urgency to get this off the ground even though our community has not had the opportunity to voice concerns or understand the potential consequences of having such operations in our area. Our county lacks specific regulations for these projects, yet their proposals have begun to surface at an alarming rate.

Big Lakes County is home to vibrant communities and beautiful natural habitats, both of which could be at risk if we allow unregulated data centers and cryptocurrency mining operations to proliferate. These projects consume immense amounts of energy, derived from non-renewable sources, contributing to carbon emissions and environmental degradation.

According to a 2021 report by the University of Cambridge, global electricity consumption by cryptocurrency mining alone is equivalent to the energy use of entire countries like Argentina or the Netherlands.

Beyond environmental concerns, there's also the potential strain on local infrastructure and the possible impact on property values.

Residents have a right to understand these impacts fully before any further projects are greenlit. We deserve to have comprehensive discussions about long-term impacts of these data centers on utilities, roads, and local communities rooted in the assessment and input of experts, residents, and stakeholders alike.

To protect our community and make informed, responsible decisions about our shared future, we urgently need a temporary halt on the approval of any new data centers or cryptocurrency mining projects within Big Lakes County. A moratorium will allow time for thorough studies and consultations to establish county-level regulations that safeguard our environment and local well-being effectively.

Join me in advocating for responsible development and ensuring our voices are heard. Please sign this petition to call on the county leadership to enforce a moratorium until appropriate policies and assessments are in place. Together, we can prioritize sustainable growth for our home community.

First major snow hits Edmonton, Northern Alberta; many roads closed

Ice became a major risk on most highways and roads in northern Alberta starting early Wednesday morning, and Environment Canada used a special weather statement to warn most parts of the province that colder temperatures, snow, ice pellets, rain and ice might last until mid-day Thursday.

Sunshine and above freezing temperature were expected to return and last through the upcoming weekend.

Starting Tuesday, Wabasca was getting hit by the white stuff and had 12 centimetres of snow on the ground by Wednesday noon.

Wabasca's weather observer Denis Carnochan explained that it was expected that El Nino weather system was expected to continue, but the jet stream influencing Western Canada had split into two streams and one of them produced the moisture and cold.

In Wabasca, the average precipitation during October is 25 millimetres, but this year despite the periods of dryness and many sunny days, there were enough rain events to have a total of 58 mm recorded by Wednesday.

Carnochan predicts: "W are anticipating less than normal precipitation over the winter and spring due to the El Nino effects so lots of moisture locked in the ground now may prove very beneficial for early spring green up as many are talking about a strong fire season in early spring."

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- Seniors who are 65 years and over qualify subject that they are owners of the property and the property is their primary residence.
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- Snow plow policy and agreement can be found on the MD website https://www.mdopportunity.ab.ca

If you have any questions, please call 891-3815

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The following Development Permits were processed on October 20, 2026

26-DP-051 – 1525897;32;16 – Calling Lake
Development: Sea Can
Zoned as R1A – Residential District – **Approved**

26-DP-052 – 16-14-79-1 W5M - Crown
Development: Temporary Workcamp
Zoned as E – Resources District – **Approved**

26-DP-053 – SE 31-79-1 W5M - Crown
Development: Temporary Workcamp
Zoned as E – Resources District – **Approved**

26-DP-054 – 0926291;2;1 – Wabasca
Development: 2 Sea Cans
Zoned as I – Institutional/Recreational District – **Approved**

26-DP-056 – 8620788;1;2 – Wabasca
Development: Sea Can
Zoned as R1A – Residential District – **Approved**

Any person affected by this decision may submit a written "statement of concern" on the grounds of appeal to: **Terah Yellowknee, Subdivision and Development of Appeal Board Clerk, MD of Opportunity, P.O Box 60 Wabasca, Alberta T0G 2K0**, within 21 days of publication. Please quote the appropriate application number when submitting a statement of concern. The residential appeal fee is $100.00, and the commercial appeal fee is $400.00.

Youths get creative making Halloween masks






By FCSS Director Janice Auger

Eight youths signed up to create, learn techniques and paint Halloween masks in Wabasca, October 19 to 23.

Leading them was Blanche MacDonald graduate Jasmine Auger.

Each day's learnings were varied and different, with a form fitting mask with your own face shape.

Painting on purchased white masks and adding horns to the masks were tried by most participants.

Learning special effects like fake bloody wounds which look very realistic either on their own face or on the masks.

Creating a fake hand which is very rubbery real looking hand! Wonder who will scare someone on Halloween night with their undead hand!

Participants learned latex techniques and special tips and tricks!

One youth now has aspirations to work for Disney and another suggested getting a job with Marvel.

Already dreaming big, our youth, how cool is that!?

We would like to express gratitude to Primary Care Alberta Honouring Life Indigenous Wellness Core for funding programs like these.

Nice ways to spend evenings being in a safe space like the FCSS office while using creativity for your soul.

Everyone also got a kit to take home to practice on their siblings or show siblings how to do their own.

Thanks to all who showed interest and came out!

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Premier Kinew wants Indian Act abolished, what would replace it?

By Cherry Nyx

Manitoba Premier Wab Kinew is calling on Canada to abolish the Indian Act.

The question First Nations deserve answered is what would replace it?

During an October 26 meeting of premiers, Prime Minister Mark Carney and First Nations leaders in Ottawa, Kinew displayed his status card and called for the legislation's abolition.

Canadian Press reporting also described his objection to a system of identification based on race.

There are strong reasons to challenge a colonial law that gives Ottawa authority over fundamental aspects of First Nations life. But the reporting reviewed for this article does not provide a detailed replacement plan, funding framework or transition timetable.

Without those details, neither promises of liberation nor predictions of catastrophe tell the whole story.

The Indian Act combines federal control with protections communities currently rely upon.

It governs registration, aspects of band membership and governance, reserve administration and band money.

Repealing it would require clear answers about how those functions would continue.

A carefully negotiated replacement could strengthen First Nations' authority over their institutions, education, languages, lands and services. Existing self-government agreements show that alternatives are possible.

Citizenship is especially important. Federal registration rules have caused lasting exclusion, particularly for women and their descendants.

The Assembly of First Nations advocates recognition of First Nations' authority to determine their own citizenship, supported by sufficient resources.

That could provide an opportunity to repair exclusion.

Land protection demands equally clear answers. Existing First Nations land codes allow communities to manage reserve lands outside the Act's land-management provisions while preserving collective ownership protections. Under that framework, land cannot be sold or surrendered for sale. Greater autonomy does not require converting reserves into ordinary private property.

Financing involves a real trade-off. Section 89 generally protects on-reserve property belonging to an Indian or band from seizure and mortgage enforcement by outsiders. Go to Focus Page 4



What B.C.'s election, change of government means for First Nations



Cherry Nyx
Author
Indigenous Perspective

British Columbia's election has put the future of its Indigenous rights legislation in question, raising concerns about how the next government will approach relationships with First Nations.

Following the October 24 vote, Elections BC's preliminary results show the Conservatives leading in 64 ridings, the NDP in 27 and the Greens in two. The final count is scheduled for November 6.

The Conservatives campaigned on repealing the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act, commonly called DRIPA.

For First Nations, the stakes extend beyond a change of government. The legislation provides a framework for addressing how provincial decisions affect their lands, communities and rights.

DRIPA passed unanimously in 2019. It requires the provincial government, in consultation and cooperation with Indigenous peoples, to take the measures necessary to align B.C.'s laws with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. It also requires an action plan and annual reporting.

The central question is how governments turn those commitments into working relationships. Decisions about forestry, mining and energy can affect employment, watersheds, cultural places and the opportunities available to future generations.

First Nations have different priorities and positions on development. Some support particular projects, others oppose them, and many negotiate conditions for participation. Meaningful cooperation requires governments to respect those differences and work directly with the Nations whose rights and territories are affected.

During the campaign, Conservative leader Lorne Doerkson argued that DRIPA had created division and should be repealed. His party also promised to protect private property rights.

Homeowners' concerns deserve clear answers, alongside accurate explanations of Indigenous rights and the Crown's obligations.

The debate also involves the outgoing NDP government. Earlier this year, David Eby proposed suspending parts of DRIPA before backing down following opposition from Indigenous leaders and members of his own party.

That dispute followed a B.C. Court of Appeal ruling involving the Gitxaala and Ehattesaht First Nations and the province's mineral tenure system. The ruling brought renewed attention to what implementing the legislation requires in practice.

First Nations leaders suggest ways to proceed

First Nations leaders have offered proposals for moving forward. In an April open letter, the First Nations Leadership Council identified options including independent oversight and joint arrangements to improve implementation. It warned that unilateral efforts to weaken the legislation would invite legal challenges and create further uncertainty.

Those proposals deserve attention. They demonstrate that Indigenous leadership is contributing practical solutions to difficult questions about governance and development.

The concern expressed in some Indigenous communities is nevertheless profound. In a public Facebook post, Eric F. H. Pelkey asked whether war was being declared on B.C.'s Indigenous Nations. His words express alarm about a political struggle over rights, rather than a literal declaration of armed conflict.

Repealing DRIPA would not erase Aboriginal and treaty rights recognized and affirmed by section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982. However, removing a framework intended to support cooperation could make resolving disputes more difficult and costly.

For readers in northern Alberta, the broader issue is familiar: how can Indigenous and provincial governments work together on decisions affecting communities, livelihoods and the land?

British Columbia's next government will have an opportunity to answer through its actions. Listening to First Nations' proposals, explaining policy changes accurately and negotiating in good faith would provide a stronger foundation for lasting relationships.

An election changes who governs a province. The responsibility to respect Indigenous rights continues.

Sources: Elections BC; B.C. Laws, Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act; Ha-Shilth-Sa, October 23, 2026; First Nations Leadership Council, April 19, 2026 open letter; public Facebook post by Eric F. H. Pelkey.

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How Canada has made Athabasca a sacrifice zone for resource extraction

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This Article first published in Conversation

I could hardly believe my eyes looking out the window of the small plane flying me from Fort McMurray to Fort Chipewyan in northern Alberta. The route parallels the Athabasca River running north above the boreal forest.

But there is as much brown as green here; the land is covered in a patchwork of torn-up ground where bitumen is being mined by gigantic excavators. From 4,500 feet above all you can see is desolation in every direction.

The visible devastation ends before the plane finally swoops down over the western end of Lake Athabasca, where the Peace and Athabasca rivers join to form one of the world's largest and most biologically rich freshwater deltas.

Prime Minister Mark Carney recently listed the proposed Pacific Link pipeline as a "project of national interest." The pipeline — running from Bruderheim, Alta., to Delta, British Columbia — is designed to enable Canada to export an additional 100 million barrels of oil from the Athabasca tar sands. This can only exacerbate the environmental devastation caused by centuries of extractivism in the region.

My research on the history of resource extraction in northern Alberta situates oil industry developments there within centuries of activities that have significantly impacted the region's environment and Indigenous Peoples.

Fort Chipewyan, home to a mixed population including Dene, Mikisew Cree and Métis communites, sits on Lake Athabasca, near the Athabasca Delta. It has been a permanent settlement since 1788 when the North West Company established a post there, making it the hub of its vast fur-trading empire.

The wetlands of the Athabasca delta provide an ideal habitat for beaver and other fur-bearing animals. Fur traders brought the first resource extraction industry to northern Alberta, and their methods were not gentle.

They offered valuable merchandise on credit and expected Indigenous hunters to repay in beaver pelts at the end of the winter hunting season. Hunters unable to turn in as many furs as the traders said they owed were confronted with beatings at the hands of the numerous voyageurs who wintered at the post. Alternatively, the head trader would kidnap the man's wife or daughter and auction her off to the highest bidder from among his crew.

This exploitative regime damaged both the people and the ecology of the region. Pressure from the North West Company led to over-hunting and reduced the local beaver population. There were also knock-on effects on fish, wild fowl and moose, creatures that had thrived in the watery environments created by beaver dams

Conditions were becoming desperate by 1821 when the Cree and Dene received a reprieve of sorts. That was when the North West Company was absorbed by the Hudson's Bay Company (HBC), a tight-fisted but non-violent enterprise, less frantic in its pursuit of furs and profits.

The HBC gave hunters less for their pelts, but they did not force them to hunt one species at unsustainable levels. What ensued was a long period where the Indigenous population subsisted comfortably on a diversified hunting, trapping and fishing regime, while exchanging some furs for the imported goods they needed.

When the federal government pressed the First Nations to sign Treaty 8 in 1899, it promised undiminished hunting and fishing rights to secure their agreement. The Indigenous nations accepted the treaty on the clear understanding that they could continue living off the land.

By and large, they did just that until the 1960s when BC Hydro erected the first of three dams across the Peace River, dramatically changing the flow of water into the Peace-Athabasca Delta and Lake Athabasca. The health of the wetlands depended on occasional floods, and these were blocked by the dams.

The regulated streams moved more slowly, silting up channels where fish had always flourished. The delta, internationally recognized by UNESCO and the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands, was adversely affected, as were the livelihoods of the Indigenous people who lived there.

Arrival of the oil industry

First, bitumen was dug directly from the Earth in gargantuan excavations, then deeper deposits were tapped by drilling down and shooting steam through pipes to melt the tar and separate it from the surrounding sand. Both techniques consume immense amounts of water and natural gas. The scale of these operations and the resources they consume boggles the imagination.

Apart from their astronomical greenhouse gas emissions, they spread pollution through the air, affecting the health of the people and other living creatures of Lake Athabasca. Perhaps the most distressing effect of the tarsands industry is on the waters that flow downstream to the Athabasca delta.

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Suddenly there's a rash of catalytic converters thefts east of Edmonton

It seems the theft of catalytic converters from vehicles across Alberta has been low in number at least in RCMP jurisdictions if perusal of RCMP media reports during this year is any indicator.

However, that may have suddenly changed as this week Strathcona County RCMP put out a public reminder about the crime.

According to the detachment headquartered in Sherwood Park: "In August of 2026 there were no reports of stolen catalytic converters compared to September 2026 when there were two reports of stolen converters. So far, for the month of October 2026, there have been eight reports that have occurred in larger parking lots and residential areas."

"Preventing catalytic convert theft starts with reducing opportunities for offenders. Secure your vehicle whenever possible and consider how you can limit access to its underside." says Cst. Cheri-Lee Smith, Strathcona County Public Information Officer. "By being mindful of where we park and taking steps to make our vehicles less accessible, we can help reduce opportunities for theft in our community."

Tips to prevent theft of catalytic converters from being stolen include:

• Park in well-lit areas and close to building entrances, when possible.

• Park your vehicle inside your garage and keep all garage doors shut and locked.

• Business owners should secure their vehicles behind locked fences or inside a locked building.

• Set your car's alarm to go off when it detects vibration.

• Engrave your vehicle identification number (VIN) on the catalytic converter. This may alert a scarp metal dealer that it was stolen and makes it easier to identify the owner.

• Report to local police, if you see anyone underneath a vehicle or around a resident/business at odd hours of day or night.

A police officer not associated with the RCMP, told The Fever that there can be sudden spikes in converter thefts if thieves in an area find someone willing to buy stolen ones.

A Goggle AI overview reports "A thief in Edmonton typically gets $150 to $400 (or up to $300–$400 depending on the size and internal metals) for selling a stolen catalytic converter to a scrap metal recycler or middleman."

In some past years, this type of crime was happening often and it seemed everywhere, even to the point that northern Albertans were losing their catalytic converters when parked at some hotel/motel parking lots.

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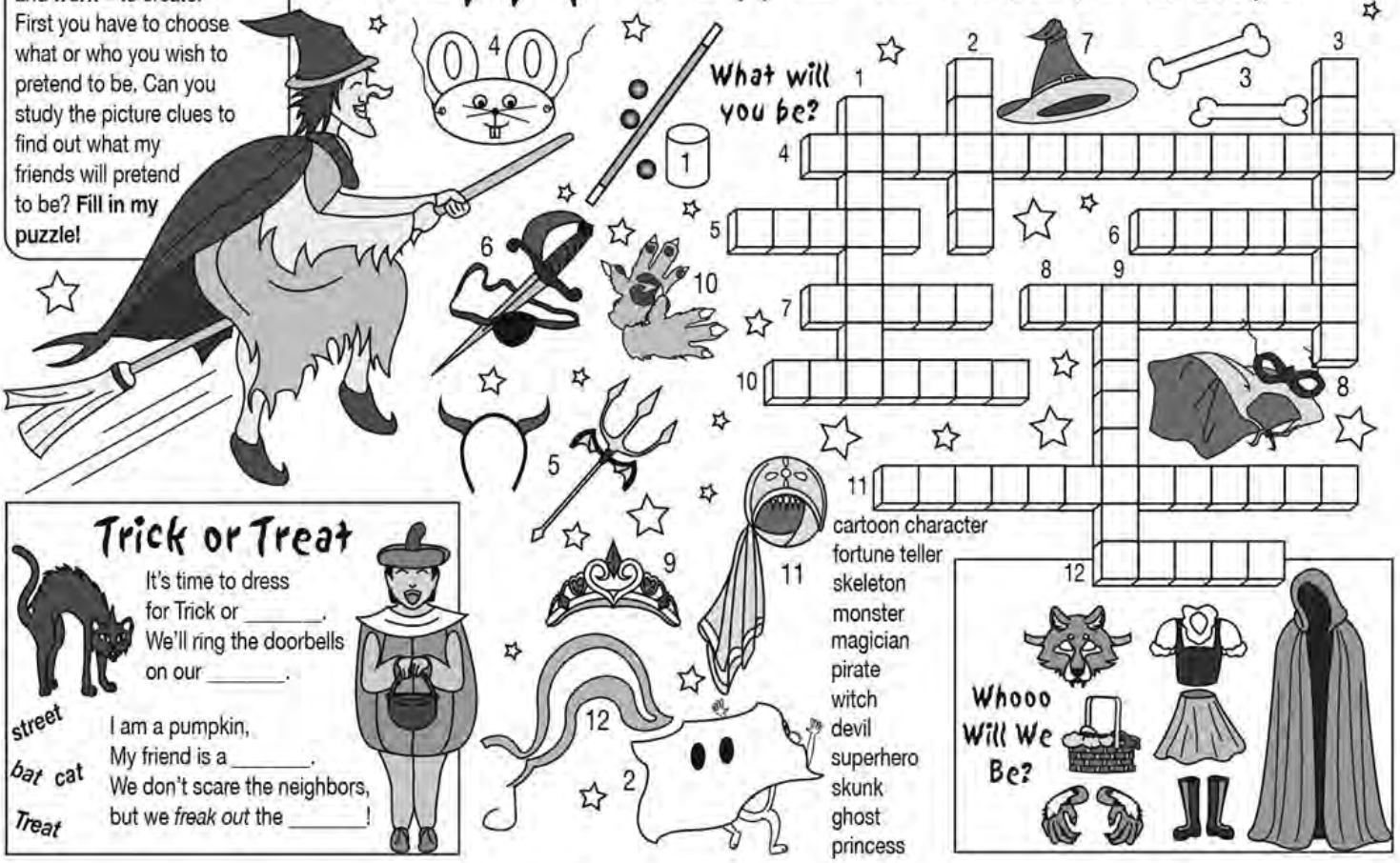
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Kids: color stuff in!

Have a Fun and Safe Celebration - Don't Eat too much candy!

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Trick or Treat

It's time to dress for Trick or _____. We'll ring the doorbells on our _____.

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I am a pumpkin,
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We don't scare the neighbors,
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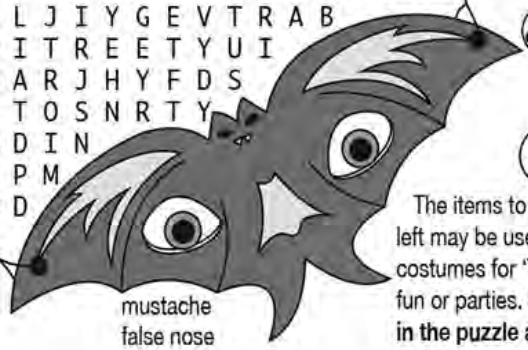
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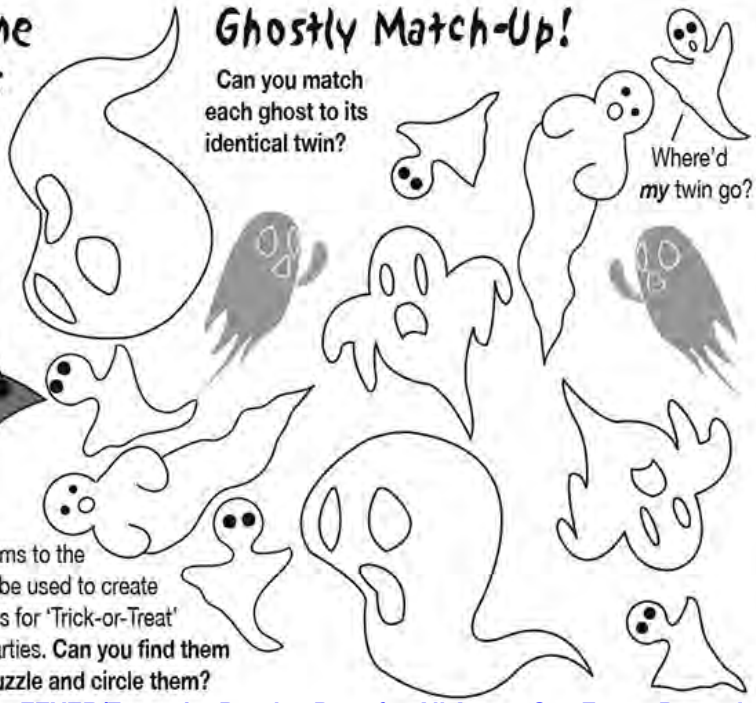


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Can you match each ghost to its identical twin?



The Family Fun Puzzle Page is now being joined most weeks in FEVER/Focus by Puzzles Page for All Ages - See Focus Page 7!

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Before December 1 each year, the municipal board shall prepare a budget and an estimate of the funds required to operate and manage the municipal library during the ensuing fiscal year. The board shall submit the budget and estimate to the council of the municipality.

Accounts
The municipal board keeps account of its receipts, payments, credits and liabilities, ensures a person who is not a member of the municipal board and whose qualifications are satisfactory to council to review the accounts each calendar year & prepares and submits a financial report to council immediately after its completion.

Honorarium
An honorarium of $250 per meeting shall be paid to members for attendance at meetings.

Individuals interested in serving on the board are invited to submit a letter of interest by **November 18, 2026**. Submissions may be sent by email, delivered in person or mailed to the Municipal District of Opportunity using the contact information below:

Lynda Gray
Executive Assistant to Administration
PO Box 60
Wabasca, Alberta T0G 2K0

The appointment for this Board will be made on **November 23, 2026** at the Organizational meeting of Council. If you have any questions or require more information, please contact Lynda Gray at 780-891-3778 or email lynda.gray@mdopportunity.ab.ca.



MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
Lead Hand
Wabasca– Permanent Full Time

The MD of Opportunity is looking for a permanent full-time Lead Hand in our Public Works department. Under the direction of the Director of Public Works and Transportation, the person chosen for this position in the M.D. of Opportunity will be responsible for duties such as ensuring the safety and efficient operation of the equipment in the Public Works department. Responsible for directing, coaching and managing a team of operators and maintenance personnel on projects, troubleshooting and providing input into problem solving, ensuring that team safety meetings are carried out on a pre-determined basis and maintaining accurate documentation of same through regular project reports and checklists to the Manager of Operations and Public Works Director. This person is responsible for the timely coordination of maintenance and operational activities as related to specific projects, approving work requests and following up on repairs, participating in workshops and developing skills to meet the safety regulations.

- Must possess good communication skills; verbal and interpersonal.
- Must have proven ability to multi-task.
- Exceptional problem-solving skills geared toward positive results;
- Must be highly motivated.
- Knowledge of computer programs would be an asset.
- Safety Tickets would be an asset.
- Valid Class 1 or 3 license
- Ability to provide written reports as may be required.
- Experience in road building/maintenance would be an asset.
- A clean Criminal Record Check upon hire.

Interested persons are invited to submit their resume along with three work related references to the attention of:

Human Resources Department
Municipal District of Opportunity No. 17
Box 60, Wabasca, AB. T0G 2K0
(780) 891-3778 Tele or (780) 891-4283 Fax

Email: hr@mdopportunity.ab.ca

This advertisement will close when a suitable candidate has been found.

The personal information submitted pursuant to this advertisement will be utilized for this Employment Opportunity only and is subject to compliance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

Province-wide ClassifiedAds

BLANKET THE PROVINCE with a classified ad. Only $269/wk (based on 25 words or less). Reach 75 weekly newspapers. Call for details. 1-800-282-6903; www.awna.com; email classifieds@awna.com or contact The Fever at bruce.thomas@thefever.online

Announcements

THE MINISTER OF ASSISTED LIVING and Social Services is seeking applications from individuals interested in serving as members for the Medical Appeal Panel. Visit: https://public-agency-list.alberta.ca/ search for medical appeal panel.

Coming Events

FIREARMS WANTED FOR OUR 2026 AUCTION PROGRAM: Firearms, Ammunition tion, Accessories, or Militaria. Collections, Estates or single items. For Auction, or Possible Purchase: Contact us: 1-800-694-2609, Email: sales@switzersauction.com or Visit us @ www.switzersauction.com for Auction Dates & Details.

Employment Opportunities

ROCKY MOUNTAIN EQUIPMENT IS HIRING: Parts Technicians, Agriculture & Heavy Equipment Techs - Journeyman, Apprentices, CVIP/Truck Techs, Shop and Field positions available. View Open Roles www.rockymtn.com/careers. Possible Relocation and Signing Bonus Offered.

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Bigstone Lot 25 Corp

Employment Opportunity

CUSTODIAN- ATB & REGISTRIES

Part-Time Permanent
Monday to Friday – 4 hours/day
Wabasca, Alberta

Bigstone Lot 25 Corporation is seeking an experienced, highly motivated, and dependable Custodian to join our talented team. This is a rewarding opportunity if you have an appreciation for First Nation culture, a desire for continuing professional development, and enjoy the support and collaboration from our multidisciplinary team and various other professionals and agencies.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- General Janitorial and Maintenance duties including sweeping, mopping, dusting, vacuuming, window cleaning, sanitizing floors, washrooms, etc.
- Collect and dispose of trash from the buildings
- Sanitize surfaces: doorknobs/handles, handrails, countertops, tables, chairs, phones, other common items
- Reports observations regarding malfunctions, defects, repair and maintenance and unsafe conditions of the building, fixtures, and equipment
- Perform seasonal cleaning
- Ensuring the office building is secure prior to leaving the building

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:

- Physical ability to lift heavy objects, stand for long periods of time, etc.
- Ability to follow proper cleaning and sanitation instruction on all cleaning and equipment supplies
- Ability to follow instructions concerning various chemicals
- Knowledge of proper cleaning and sanitation procedures

Education and Experience:

- High School Diploma is an asset
- Experience in a Custodial/Janitorial role considered an asset
- Reliable transportation
- Valid WHMIS Certification

Benefits:

- ✓ Competitive Salary
- ✓ Paid Vacation & Sick time
- ✓ Employer Matching Pension Plan
- ✓ Extended Health, Dental & Vision Plan

Salary is dependent on qualifications.

Please forward your Cover Letter, Resume (including 3 work related references), & Criminal Record Check to our:

Human Resources Department
PO Box 1020 Wabasca, Alberta T0G 2K0
Fax: 780-891-2623 | Email: bhcresumes@bigstonehealth.ca
CLOSING DATE: *Until a suitable candidate is found.*

POSTED ON: October 16, 2026

*Applicants are thanked in advance for their interest in our organization, however only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Vision: *To revive, strengthen and protect members' treaty rights to health and to enhance the quality of life of members and others living on Bigstone Traditional lands.*

Municipal District of Opportunity
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
Wabasca
Animal Control Officer
Permanent Full Time

The Municipal District of Opportunity is now accepting applications for the challenging position of Animal Control Officer, based out of Wabasca. This position requires animal control and enforcement in all MD Communities and will require some travel. The successful candidate will report to the Manager of Municipal Enforcement and will work cooperatively with the Community Peace Officers and RCMP. This position will be responsible for any duties relating to Animal Control.

The ideal candidate should be self-motivated, hardworking, reliable, and a team player. He or she will have communication, public relations and interpersonal skills, independent judgment and initiative in completing assigned duties. Duties include but are not limited to:

Animal Control:

- Become familiar with the M.D. Animal Control Bylaw.
- Respond to and address dog complaints in the communities.
- Impound and care for dogs and the community kennels, i.e. feed dogs, clean and inspect kennels, log maintenance.
- Transport dogs and cats to SCARS or Vet Services either Slave Lake, Athabasca or Westlock.
- Provide monthly reports of Animal Control activities.
- Provide educational information to residents with respect to care, control & responsibilities of dog ownership.
- Issue Municipal Tags or Violation Tickets & attend court cases as required.
- Other duties that may be assigned.

Qualifications:

- Experience and comfort handling dogs and cats is an asset or must be willing to learn.
- Must have computer experience in a Windows Environment.
- A valid Class 5 Driver's License.
- Minimum of Grade 10 Education.
- Must be willing and able to undergo Dog Bite Prevention Training.
- Satisfactory Criminal Record Check upon hire including Vulnerable Sector Check.
- Satisfactory Drivers Abstract (MD will obtain).

Interested persons are invited to submit their resume along with three work related references to the attention of:

Human Resources Department
Municipal District of Opportunity No .17
Box 60 – Wabasca, Alberta T0G 2K0
Phone: (780) 891-3778 or Fax to 891-4283
Email: hr@mdopportunity.ab.ca

This position advertisement will remain open until November 11, 2026.

Applicants are thanked in advance for their interest, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted. The personal information submitted to this advertisement will be utilized for this Employment Opportunity only and is subject to the compliance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.



MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
CUSTODIAN
Wabasca – Casual

The Municipal District of Opportunity is now accepting resumes for a casual custodian position in our Facility Maintenance Department in Wabasca. The custodian will be responsible for the daily cleaning, maintenance of various buildings, organizing inventory of all cleaning supplies and equipment. The position entails a full spring and fall cleaning (including but not limited to shampooing of carpets, washing windows inside and out, washing walls, etc.) and may include minor maintenance.

Applicants must possess and meet the following qualifications and requirements:

- Ability to work on their feet for a complete shift of an 8 hours/day while constantly bending, stretching, walking and lifting or moving things.
- Ability to communicate effectively with others.
- Preparation of monthly building repairs and maintenance reports.
- Ordering and maintaining cleaning supplies and inventory.
- Must have a minimum of Grade 10 Education or higher.
- Must possess WHMIS or be willing to take training.
- Other Security Checks (CWIS) that may be required.
- A satisfactory Criminal Record Check upon hire.
- **Valid Class 5 Drivers License is required as you will be driving to different facility locations.**

Salary range for this position will reflect on qualifications and experience. Interested individuals may submit their Resumes and three (3) work related references:

Human Resources Department
Municipal District of Opportunity
Box 60, Wabasca, AB T0G 2K0
Tele # 780-891-3778 or Fax # 780-891-4283
Email: hr@mdopportunity.ab.ca

This advertisement will remain open until November 9, 2026 @ 3 pm.

The personal information submitted pursuant to this advertisement will be utilized for this Employment Opportunity only and is subject to compliance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. Applicants are thanked in advance for their interest, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

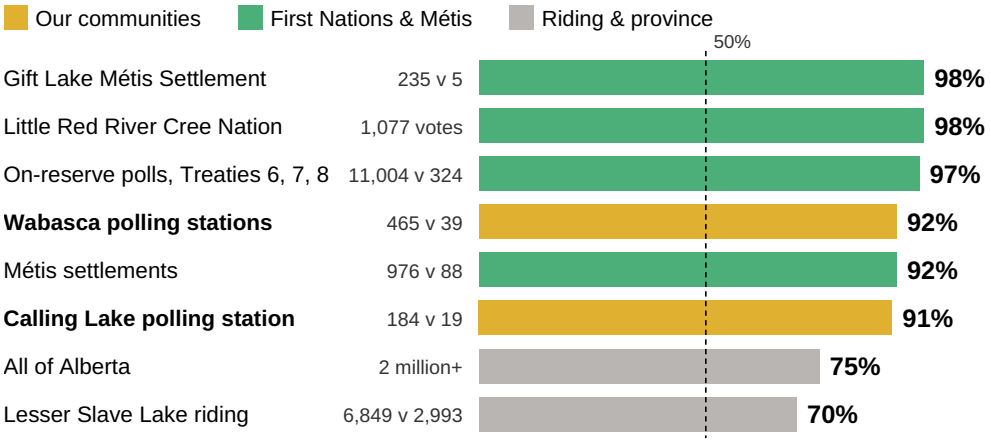
REFERENDUM 2026 *Results analysis · Province and MD of Opportunity communities*

First Nations said “stay” — and Wabasca agreed

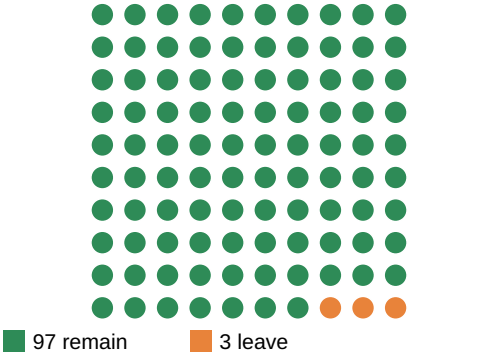
On-reserve voters chose to remain in Canada by 97 per cent, the clearest answer anywhere in the province. Wabasca’s polls were not far behind.

HOW STRONGLY EACH GROUP VOTED TO REMAIN

Share of votes for “remain in Canada” on Question 10



OUT OF EVERY 100 ON-RESERVE VOTES



GIFT LAKE MÉTIS SETTLEMENT

235 remain

47 to stay for every one to go **5 leave**

First Nations voters across Alberta gave the clearest answer of anyone in the Oct. 19 referendum: stay in Canada.

At polls held on reserves in Treaty 6, 7 and 8 territory, 11,004 people voted to remain and 324 voted to start the path toward separation, or 97 per cent to remain.

That is from a poll-by-poll analysis by Matthew Wildcat, director of Indigenous governance at the University of Alberta’s Faculty of Native Studies, reported by Alberta Native News on Oct. 26. It covers 60 polling stations on 35 First Nations and seven stations on six Métis settlements.

Métis settlements voted the same way, 976 to 88, or 92 per cent to remain. Across the whole province, about 75 per cent of more than two million voters chose to remain, according to unofficial Elections Alberta results.

CLOSE TO HOME

Gift Lake Métis Settlement, in our own Lesser Slave Lake riding, voted 235 to 5. In Treaty 8, Little Red River Cree Nation had the biggest on-reserve turnout, 1,077 votes, with 98 per cent choosing to remain.

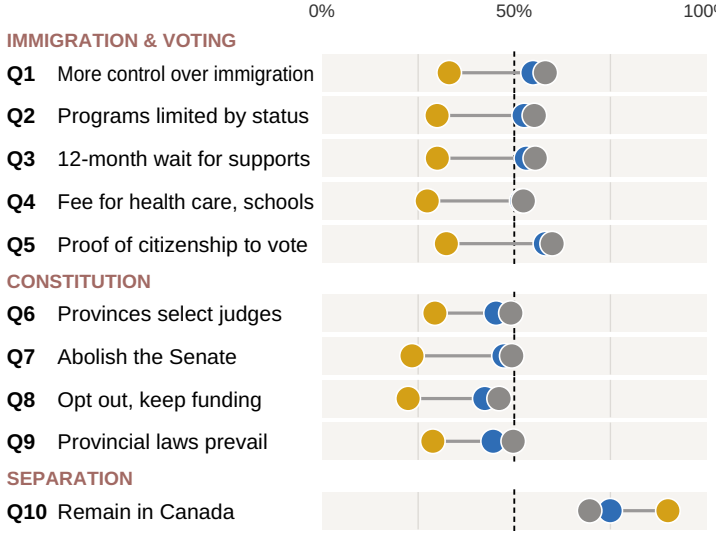
Bigstone is not part of the analysis, since none of Wabasca’s polling stations is on reserve. But unofficial Elections Alberta results show voters at Wabasca’s three polling stations chose to remain 465 to 39, or 92 per cent. Calling Lake voted 184 to 19, or 91 per cent. The riding as a whole was 70 per cent.

Wildcat said the main takeaway is that “Indigenous Peoples have a consensus opinion” on separation. He also noted that many Indigenous people have long been wary of voting in Canadian elections, and said this turnout may not be repeated.

QUESTION BY QUESTION: SHARE VOTING YES

On Question 10, yes means remain in Canada

All of Alberta · Lesser Slave Lake riding · MD of Opportunity communities



		Alberta	Riding	MD comm.
IMMIGRATION & VOTING				
Q1	More control over immigration	54.9%	58.1%	**33.1%**
Q2	Programs limited by status	52.6%	55.2%	**29.9%**
Q3	12-month wait for supports	53.1%	55.5%	**30.0%**
Q4	Fee for health care, schools	51.9%	52.4%	**27.4%**
Q5	Proof of citizenship to vote	58.1%	59.8%	**32.3%**
CONSTITUTION				
Q6	Provinces select judges	45.3%	49.1%	**29.4%**
Q7	Abolish the Senate	47.3%	49.3%	**23.4%**
Q8	Opt out, keep funding	42.3%	46.1%	**22.4%**
Q9	Provincial laws prevail	44.5%	49.7%	**28.8%**
SEPARATION				
Q10	Remain in Canada	74.9%	69.6%	**90.0%**

THE OTHER NINE QUESTIONS

Wabasca, Calling Lake and the other MD of Opportunity communities did not follow the province on the other questions either. At the polls in Wabasca, Calling Lake, Sandy Lake, Chip Lake, Trout Lake, Peerless Lake and Red Earth Creek, voters said no to all five questions on immigration and voting.

Yes ran from 27 per cent, on charging non-permanent residents for health care and schooling, to 33 per cent, on more provincial control over immigration. At Wabasca’s three stations, yes was below 30 per cent on all five.

The riding as a whole went the other way, backing all five. Its strongest yes, 60 per cent, was on proof of citizenship to vote.

On the four constitutional questions, these communities said no more firmly than the province, with yes between 22 and 29 per cent. The riding rejected all four narrowly, with yes from 46 to 50 per cent.

ACROSS ALBERTA

Province-wide, 74.9 per cent chose to remain. Voters narrowly passed all five immigration and voting questions and rejected all four constitutional changes. Questions 1 to 5 and 10 do not bind the government. Official results come out Oct. 29.

Results are unofficial; Elections Alberta publishes official results Oct. 29. Polling-station figures show where people voted, not where they live. Mail-in ballots are not counted by poll.
MD of Opportunity communities = polls at Wabasca, Calling Lake, Sandy Lake, Chip Lake, Trout Lake, Peerless Lake and Red Earth Creek, plus the Red Earth Creek/Wabasca advance poll.
Sources: Alberta Native News (Jeremy Appel, Local Journalism Initiative), Oct. 26, 2026; Elections Alberta unofficial results, Oct. 21 and Oct. 25, 2026.

Puzzle Page for All Ages

Halloween Spooktacular!

Halloween Word Search

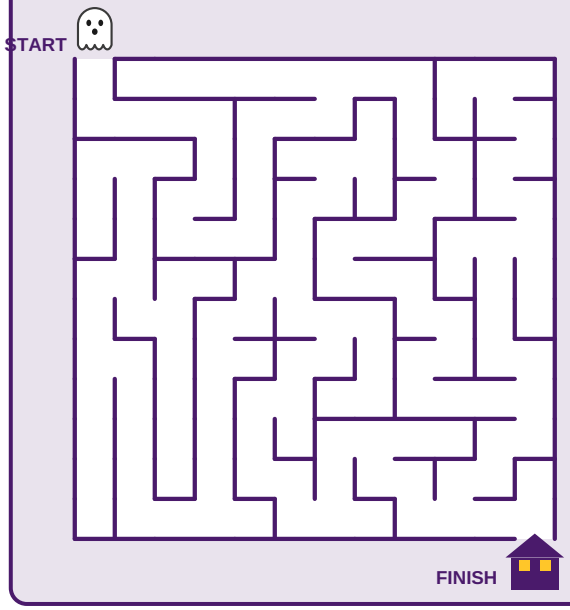
Find the 15 spooky words. They go across, down, on a slant, and some go backwards!

B	V	S	T	A	F	S	B	C	B	A	N	V
B	I	T	A	Y	G	H	O	S	T	W	O	F
R	M	A	E	C	O	S	T	U	M	E	R	J
O	B	B	R	L	L	G	R	C	T	D	D	U
O	G	A	T	W	N	B	G	N	W	N	L	D
M	I	Y	U	O	A	Y	C	E	I	V	U	B
O	K	M	T	M	T	S	W	K	T	R	A	S
D	E	T	N	U	A	H	P	E	C	D	C	W
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T	V	F	M	H	U	S	P	I	D	E	R	Y
O	S	A	W	P	N	G	O	B	L	I	N	R
O	H	P	I	C	A	N	D	Y	S	E	I	C
K	T	Y	S	K	E	L	E	T	O	N	D	J

- ☐ BAT
- ☐ BROOM
- ☐ CANDY
- ☐ CAULDRON
- ☐ COSTUME
- ☐ GHOST
- ☐ GOBLIN
- ☐ HAUNTED
- ☐ MOON
- ☐ OWL
- ☐ PUMPKIN
- ☐ SKELETON
- ☐ SPIDER
- ☐ TREAT
- ☐ WITCH

Spooky Maze

Help the little ghost find its way home to the haunted house!



Pumpkin Sudoku

Fill every row, column and box with the numbers 1 to 6. No repeats!

1			3		
3	4	2			
	5				
	3			1	2
	1	4			
	2		4	6	

Mixed-Up Words

Unscramble these Halloween words.

1. HGSOT _____
2. CHIWT _____
3. MKNUPPI _____
4. PDEIRS _____
5. NDCYA _____
6. OTUEMSC _____

Count the Critters

How many of each can you count?



Pumpkins ☐ Bats ☐ Ghosts ☐

Spooky Secret Code

Use the key to crack the code. What do kids say at every door on Halloween night?

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

20	18	9	3	11		15	18		20	18	5	1	20						

Trick-or-Treat Safety

- Wear bright colours or reflective tape, and carry a flashlight.
- Go with a grown-up or a group of friends.
- Dress warm! Your coat can be part of your costume.
- Stay on lit streets and walk, never run.
- Have a grown-up check your treats before you eat.

Answers

Mixed-Up Words
1. GHOST 2. WITCH
3. PUMPKIN 4. SPIDER
5. CANDY 6. COSTUME

Count the Critters
7 pumpkins, 5 bats, 4 ghosts

Secret Code
TRICK OR TREAT

Pumpkin Sudoku

1	6	5	3	2	4
3	4	2	1	5	6
2	5	1	6	4	3
4	3	6	5	1	2
6	1	4	2	3	5
5	2	3	4	6	1

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